

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim [[1,]]  
7, wherein the first and second spindles run parallel to one another.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 2,  
wherein the second spindle is arranged in a fixed position with respect to the  
body shell of the motor vehicle.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim [[1,]]  
7, wherein in the upper loading floor position the first spindle is arranged above  
the second spindle, ~~as seen in~~ relative to the direction of the force of gravity.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 4,  
wherein in the upper loading floor position the first spindle is arranged in such a  
way with respect to the second spindle that [[the]] resulting forces which are  
transmitted via the loading floor to the lever parts are oriented substantially in  
the direction of [[the]] a bearing center of the lever parts.

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) ~~The device as claimed in claim 6,~~  
~~wherein in the lower loading floor position the first spindle is arranged in such a~~  
~~way~~

A device for guiding a loading floor of a motor vehicle, the height of which  
floor can be adjusted manually, the device comprising:

a first spindle, about which the loading floor can pivot;

a second spindle; and

lever parts, which are arranged opposite one another and can be  
pivoted about the second spindle and on which the loading floor is pivotably  
mounted via the first spindle; wherein

said spindles and lever parts are configured such that the loading  
floor can be adjusted between a lower loading floor position and an upper loading  
floor position by a pivoting movement of the lever parts; and

in the lower loading floor position the first spindle is arranged  
below the second spindle, relative to the direction of the force of gravity, and is  
offset laterally with respect to the second spindle in such a way that a torque  
[[is]] applied to the lever parts by the force of the weight of the loading floor  
acting on them is directed in a pivoting direction of the loading floor when it is  
being moved from the lower loading floor position into the upper loading floor  
position.

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 7, further comprising a device for limiting ~~[[the]]~~ a pivoting angle of the lever parts.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim ~~[[1,]]~~ 7, wherein for the pivotably movable bearing of the loading floor on the lever parts, there is in each case a bearing journal arranged in a bearing bore.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim ~~[[1,]]~~ 7, wherein the loading floor can be fixed in the lower loading floor position and the upper loading floor position, ~~by a locking device.~~

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein at least one of the lever parts is subject to a spring force in order to overcome a dead center position of the lever parts and/or to displace the lever parts into a limit position.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim ~~[[1,]]~~ 7, wherein the loading floor is supported on one side.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim ~~[[1,]]~~ 7, wherein the lever parts are designed as one of rotary disks ~~[[or]]~~ and pivot levers.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim [[1,]]  
7, wherein the second spindle is arranged in a fixed position with respect to the  
body shell of the motor vehicle.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim [[1,]]  
7, wherein in the lower loading floor position the first spindle is arranged below  
the second spindle, ~~as seen in~~ relative to the direction of the force of gravity.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim [[1,]]  
7, further comprising a device for limiting [[the]] a pivoting angle of the lever  
parts.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim [[1,]]  
7, wherein at least one of the lever parts is subject to a spring force in order to  
overcome a dead center position of the lever parts and/or to displace the lever  
parts into a limit position.